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## Executive Director's Monthly Message

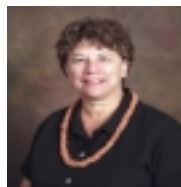
Dear Residents,

I want to thank all of you for assisting with our annual HUD REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) inspections in June and July. Most of the housing properties scored better than last year!

As you may have heard, Governor Linda Lingle recently signed the omnibus housing bill, Act 196, that will help build more affordable housing.

Many strategies developed by the Affordable Housing Task Force were incorporated into Act 196. Among those is the split of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) into two agencies as of July 1, 2006. The public housing, finance and development residents will not be affected by the split.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Aveiro  
Executive Director



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## Residents Attend

## Volunteer Patrol Workshop

Resident Association Officers and residents involved with their volunteer safety patrol attended the Volunteer Resident Patrol Workshop at the Ko'olau Golf Course on June 22, 2005. Among the special guest at the workshop were officers from the HPD's Weed and Seed program and Mr. Jun Chung from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

The morning started with the Honolulu Police Department's Weed and Seed Officer's Sgt Aaron Farias and Sgt. John Kauwenaole covering the basic purpose and philosophy of community policing. They spoke about the supplies and equipment needed in doing a volunteer resident patrol and touched on how often a resident patrol walk should be held.



*Residents participate in an activity to show that volunteer resident patrol is one of the many hats that they use in their community.*

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## Does Your Child have Health Insurance?

If not, Get Free Shots! Call 2-1-1.



Mayroon bang health insurance ang anak mo? Kung wala, magpabakuna ng libre. Call 2-1-1.

Adda kadi health insurance ti anakmo? No awan, pabakunaam a libre. Call 2-1-1.

E iai se inisiua o lau tama? Afai e leai, fai le tui puipui le totoigia. Call 2-1-1.

Ewor ke an ajiri eo nejum insurance in takto? Elanne ejellok, emaron bok wa ko ejellok wonaer. Call 2-1-1.

Con cua ban co bao hiem y te khong? Neu khong, hay yeu cau chang ngua mien phi. Call 2-1-1

***Free phone call from ALL islands!***



## Volunteer Resident Patrol Workshop (continued from page 1)

The workshop continued with Mr. Alt Kagesa from Alt Kagesa Facilitation and Training Services and Ms. Kalei Kailihiwa, from the Kamehameha Schools Extension Education Division, speaking on the qualities needed to have an effective patrol. There were several hands-on activities that the attendees were able to participate in.



*HPD's Sgt. John Kawenaole and Sgt. Aaron Farias speak to workshop attendees.*

During lunch, Hui Malama and members of the Maui Economic Opportunity spoke on building successful collaborations in the community and the Kahekili Terrace Volunteer Patrol shared their experiences in initiating, developing and continuing their relationship with law enforcement, patrol members, management and the community.

The University of Hawaii's Youth Gang Project and HPD Officers Spencer Anderson and Sonny Oliveros started the afternoon off with information on gangs in Hawaii. The speakers focused on the risk factors and process of how youths become involved in a gang. They also talked about initiation into a gang, local gang trends and shared prevention and intervention tips to deter youth delinquency.

*Workshop Attendees jot down important notes to take back to their communities.*



Mr. Keith Kamita, from the Department of Public Safety, provided insight on the identification of illicit drugs, their origin, and their effects. Mr. Kamita also covered warning signs on how to identify a person who may be under the influence of drugs.

Mr. David Mayeda from the University of Hawaii Asian Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center closed the workshop by informing attendees of statistics on incarceration, arrests and the delinquency rate among youths in the Filipino, Samoan and Hawaiian communities.

*Residents participate in some hands on activities.*



The workshop speakers gave everyone who attended the workshop a wealth of information that they could take back to their communities and use to make their projects a safer place for all residents.



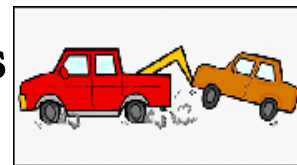
*Lieutenant Governor James "Duke" Aiona addresses the crowd at the Spirit of Aloha*

## Spirit of Aloha

GORGEOUS SUNSHINE...INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT...LUCKY NUMBER DRAWINGS....What more could you ask for? Oh yeah, how's about adding a COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP. Tally it all up and what do you get? *The Spirit of Aloha*...On Saturday June 4, 2005 three kalihi housing communities arose early, wore their gloves and hat and collected trash for a summer beautification day at Mayor Wright Homes, Kamehameha Homes and Kuhio Park Terrace. After the morning clean-up community members enjoyed the festivities, one another's company and a chili-hot-dog plate lunch. The Mayor Wright Homes community was fortunate to have a special guest appearance from Lieutenant Governor James "Duke" Aiona, as he applauded all involved for supporting the event and giving back to the community. A JOB WELL DONE!



## Parking Rules and Regulations



Just a reminder that if you own your own vehicle, it must be parked in your assigned stall only. Some project require you to get a parking sticker from management before you are allowed to park on property. To register your vehicle, you will need to bring in your vehicle's current safety check, registration and no-fault insurance to the management office. Check with your management if your project requires a parking sticker. Vehicles without parking stickers are subject to being towed by the management office. Register your car now before you end up paying for tow-a-way charges.

There is also no storage of vehicles on project premises and all vehicles must be in working order. Major repairs cannot be done on your vehicle on project property. Below we have listed some car maintenance tips for you so that you can avoid costly repairs in the future.

**Tip #1:** Make sure you change your oil every three months or 3,000 miles. Think of your engine as the heart of your car and the motor oil as the lifeblood of the engine. One cannot function without the other.

**Tip #2:** Be sure to check that your tires are inflated to the recommended pressure. Under inflated tires could reduce your miles per gallon. Check for cuts, bulges and excessive tread wear. Also remember to rotate your tires and check for alignment as part of your regular tune-up.

**Tip #3:** Schedule regular tune ups. Tune-ups are to ensure that your car's major components are running smoothly.

**Tip #4:** Check your fluids regularly. Lift the hood and perform a quick visual check. Use the dipstick to check the oil level; a quick glance at the coolant reservoir will let you know if you need more cooling fluid.

**Tip #5:** Pay attention to outward signs like leaking fluid which may mean serious trouble. Keep an eye on your driveway or parking space for stains or spots that can warn you of possible leaks.

## C-Base Classes

It's pretty obvious that summer is here with hot and sunny skies. But it's never too early to start planning for fall. And what could be better than to start earning your way to a high school diploma. If you are over the age of 18 years old and have received your Hawaii high school diploma, then have we got an offer for you. HCDCH, in partnership with the Farrington Community School for Adults and the Windward School for Adults will be sponsoring **FREE** Competency-Based High School Diploma Program classes. The following is the schedule:

**HCDCH – Bldg L**

**Sept 7 – Oct 17**

**Monday / Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Koolau Village Community Hall**

**August 29 – Oct 12**

**Monday / Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

For more information, call the Resident Services Section at 832-5900. See you there!

## Hale Hauoli Resident Council



Congratulations to the Hale Hauoli Resident Council of Honoka'a on the Big Island of Hawaii who were recognized on June 16, 2005. Pictured above (l-r) Nanci Crocker, Vice President, Miesje Reimus, treasurer., Betty Jenkins, David Swain Sgt. at Arms, Daniel Goldman President. (not pictured, Princess Nakanelua, Secretary)





# Graduation: What's Next For Parents?

Graduation can be a difficult time for parents as well as the recent graduate. Not only is this a time of transition for the graduate but also for the parents. Here are some tips for parents on how to let go of their children to help them grow independent, while being there for them as necessary:

- **Feeling a sense of loss is normal.**

Keep in mind that feelings of sadness, emptiness, loss and separation anxiety that accompany a teen leaving home for the first time are perfectly normal. It is the psychological way of dealing with the transition and learning to let go

- **Letting go is a good thing.**

Don't see children leaving home as a terrible event. A parent's job is to give out children roots and wings. In raising your children, you have provided the roots of warmth, security and belongingness. Parents have also been preparing their children over the years by giving them graduated responsibility. Then we have to step away for them to grow in their independence, learn from the few mistakes they may make along the way and grow secure in their sense of confidence...to guide instead of steer for them.

- **Parenting is a lifelong process.**

Try not to view children leaving home as an irrevocable loss. Parents' involvement in their children's lives doesn't end after graduation; it is simply a change in your relationship with your child – an evolution. In fact, parenting is a job that lasts a lifetime.

- **Talk to someone who can help.**

Connecting with parents who are one or two steps ahead of you and have "been there" helps.

- **Set regular communication dates.**

It provides a specific time to look forward to, while giving your children the space they need without having their parents calling or e-mailing daily.

- **Focus on developing a positive outlook.**

Having your child leave home for college, to live out-side of the home on their own, or to relocate for a job, is acknowledgement to parents of a job well done. Seeing your child start down the path of successful adulthood can give parents a sense of joy and pride. Research shows that the parent/child relationship actually improves when children leave home. Having your child develop confidence in their own independence leads to a more mature relationship with you, their parents. You have all of this to look forward to.

- **Refilled nests**

Parents have a chance to revitalize their own marital relationship and refocus on siblings and friends. It's an opportunity to explore the possibility of going back to school, pursue a new job or return to interests that were put on the back burner when raising children.

Source: The Honolulu Advertiser, May 29, 2005

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## Resident Services and Satisfaction Survey

*All Federal Public Housing Residents.*



Between now and August 27, 2005, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development's Real Estate Assessment Center will be sending a customer service and satisfaction survey to randomly selected households to evaluate the housing agency's performance. The survey will measure your satisfaction and experience with your living conditions concerning

maintenance and repair, services, communication, safety, neighborhood appearance. Remember! If your household is selected, please take the time to complete it and mail it back. Resident participation is essential to the survey's success. Your opinion is very important to HCDCH and HUD!